

CLAIMS

I Claim:

- 1 1. A purse hanger for hanging a purse from a flat surface comprising:
 - 2 a) a rigid interface member defining a planar interface area;
 - 3 b) a rigid arm with a proximal end coupled with the rigid interface member and a
4 distal end;
 - 5 c) a flexible member with a first end coupled to the distal end of the rigid arm,
6 and a second end coupled to a purse engagement member.
- 1 2. The purse hanger according to claim 1 wherein the planar interface area is
2 substantially co-planar with said flat surface, and wherein said distal end of said rigid
3 arm is oriented vertically beneath said planar interface area.
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- 5 3. The purse hanger according to claim 1 further comprising a purse with a purse strap
6 engaged with said purse engagement member.
- 1 4. The purse hanger according to claim 1 wherein the rigid arm is swivelably coupled
2 with the rigid interface member.
- 1 5. The purse hanger according to claim 1 wherein the rigid arm is detachably coupled
2 with the rigid interface member.
- 1 6. The purse hanger according to claim 1 wherein the rigid interface member has a
2 storage cavity.
- 1 7. The purse hanger according to claim 6 further comprising storage members stored in
2 said storage cavity, said storage members being selected from among a group
3 consisting of lip gloss, foundation, make up, vitamins, drugs, a condom, modular
4 inserts, a timepiece, a cellular telephone, a camera and combinations thereof.

- 1 8. The purse hanger according to claim 6 further comprising a cover for covering said
2 storage cavity, and securement means for securing said cover to said rigid interface
3 member.
- 1 9. The purse hanger according to claim 8 wherein said securement means is selected
2 from among a group consisting of snaps, clasps, hooks, hinges, magnets, threaded
3 members, and combinations thereof.
- 1 10. The purse hanger according to claim 1 wherein said rigid arm comprises a horizontal
2 extension parallel with said planar interface area.
- 1 11. The purse hanger according to claim 10 wherein the rigid arm comprises a vertical
2 extension that is about perpendicular to said horizontal extension.
- 1 12. The purse hanger according to claim 11 wherein the vertical extension has a
2 lengthening means for altering a length of the vertical extension.
- 1 13. The purse hanger according to claim 1 wherein the first end of the flexible member is
2 coupled to the distal end of the rigid arm by a swivel joint.
- 1 14. The purse hanger according to claim 1 wherein the second end of the flexible member
2 is coupled to the purse engagement member by a swivel joint.
- 1 15. The purse hanger according to claim 1 wherein the purse engagement member is a
2 rigid loop.
- 1 16. The purse hanger according to claim 15 wherein the rigid loop is a single continuous
2 loop.
- 1 17. The purse hanger according to claim 15 wherein the rigid loop is a formed from a
2 movable loop member movably engaged to a primary loop member, wherein, when

1 the movable loop member is in a first position, the rigid loop is a closed loop, and
2 when the movable loop member is in a second position, the rigid loop is an open loop.

1 18. The purse hanger according to claim 17 wherein the movable loop member is movably
2 engaged to the primary loop member through a pivot means.

1 19. The purse hanger according to claim 17 wherein the movable loop member is slidably
2 engaged to the primary loop member through a slide means.

1 20. The purse hanger according to claim 19 wherein said slide means includes a tubular
2 member into which the movable loop member can retract.

1 21. The purse hanger according to claim 17 further comprising a spring member for
2 urging said movable loop member toward said first position.

1 22. A purse hanger for hanging a purse from a horizontal surface comprising:
2 a) a rigid interface member with a planar interface area resting on said horizontal
3 surface;
4 b) a rigid arm with a proximal end coupled to said interface member and a distal
5 end disposed vertically beneath said planar interface area;
6 c) a flexible member with first and second ends, said first end of said flexible
7 member secured to said distal end of said rigid arm;
8 d) a purse engagement member coupled with said second end of said flexible
9 member.

1 23. The purse hanger of claim 22 wherein the flexible member is at least one inch long.

1 24. The purse hanger of claim 22 wherein said purse engagement member is a rigid loop.

1 25. The purse hanger of claim 24 wherein the rigid loop comprises a primary loop
2 member coupled to a movable loop member, said movable loop member being

- 1 movable between first and second positions, wherein, in said first position, said rigid
2 loop is a closed loop, and in said second position, said rigid loop is an open loop.
- 1 26. The purse hanger of claim 25 further comprising a spring member engaged with said
2 primary loop member and with said movable loop member to urge said movable loop
3 member to said first position.
- 1 27. The purse hanger according to claim 22 wherein said rigid arm has a lengthening
2 means.
- 1 28. The purse hanger according to claim 27 wherein said lengthening means comprises a
2 turnbuckle.
- 1 29. The purse hanger according to claim 22 further comprising a storage cavity within said
2 rigid interface member.
- 1 30. The purse hanger according to claim 29 further comprising a cover for covering said
2 storage cavity, and a cover engagement means for engaging said cover to said rigid
3 interface member.
- 1 31. The purse hanger of claim 30 wherein the cover engagement means is selected from
2 among a group consisting of hinges, clasps, threaded members, chains, clips, and
3 combinations thereof.
- 1 32. The purse hanger according to claim 29 further comprising storage members stored
2 within said storage cavity, said storage members selected from among a group
3 consisting of lip gloss, foundation, modular dividers, vitamins, prescription
4 medication, a condom, a cell phone, a time piece, a camera, and combinations thereof.
- 1 33. A method for storing a purse hanger having a rigid arm with a proximal end extending
2 from a rigid interface member and a distal end secured to a first end of a flexible

3 member, a second end of said flexible member having a purse engagement member
4 secured to a strap of a purse, the method comprising the steps:

- 5 a) opening the purse;
6 b) flexing said flexible member; and,
7 c) placing said rigid interface member within said purse, wherein said purse engagement
8 member remains secured to said purse strap.

1 34. The method of claim 33 further comprising the step of substantially closing said purse,
2 wherein said flexible member protrudes through a small opening in said purse.